

Community Service Employment Program. The newspaper article spotlights the work of two senior citizens who are involved with the Green Thumb Program in West Valley City. The program clearly is helping these folks remain active and independent until they retire while at the same time making contributions to the community they live in. I would like to submit this article for inclusion in today's RECORD to pay tribute to this program, the senior citizens in West Valley City it is helping, and the city officials who take the time to be involved in the program and make it work.

Bunny Bowen works in anticipation of not having to work anymore.

She has plans for retirement: publishing her 2,000 poems, reopening a ceramics shop, getting back on the stage.

In the meantime, she answers phones for the West Valley City Police Department, logs reports, arrest information and protection orders into computers.

One of several West Valley City employees hired through the federally funded Green Thumb Senior Employment Program. Bowen, 62, praises her employer. "They go out of their way for us," she says.

West Valley City is one of five cities in the United States to receive an Outstanding Community Service Award for its Green Thumb Senior Community Service Employment Program.

Green Thumb was established in 1965 by President Johnson to hire retired farmers to work on the Nation's parks and highways. These days, the program provides job training to senior workers with household incomes less than \$9,340. Workers earn minimum wage while they are trained and then have the option of working for the agency that trained them or seeking a job elsewhere. About 282 Utahans worked for Green Thumb last year.

West Valley City now employs five Green Thumb trainees and four graduates.

Ron Burris, area Green Thumb supervisor, says West Valley City does more for its elderly employees than most agencies by holding resume and interviewing workshops to help them learn the process of getting a job.

Like hundreds of Utah senior citizens, Bowen found herself in the financial gap between working and retirement. After 26 years of doing books for her husband's business, her experience was outdated and her Social Security income minimal.

"The job market's tough when you're older," Bowen says. "I was scared to death of computers."

Bowen eventually found work through Green Thumb and plans to work for two more years and then retire.

But not Claude Heiner. The 68-year-old former mining engineer has worked for the city for three years and does not see his job ending anytime soon.

Heiner started working for West Valley City after a car accident left him in a wheelchair unable to continue his consulting business. Now he manages the office at the city shops, handling complaints about road damage, snowplowing and dispatching drivers.

"This really wasn't what I wanted, but it gave me something to do besides sitting around the house," Heiner says. "I'll work as long as my health holds out."

## REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, the Republic of China on Taiwan, our firm and steady ally in the region celebrated its National Day on October 10. Its economic growth and political progress serve as the standard for other developing countries, and its commitment to human rights and democracy deserve our admiration. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Taiwan continued success in facing the many challenges that lie ahead.

While Taiwan has served as a role model for developing nations, it has been unable to participate in many international organizations. When President Clinton meets with President Jiang of the People's Republic of China at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations in New York, the voices of 21 million people on Taiwan will be conspicuously unheard. Their duly elected government has been frozen out of participation in the U.N. by the PRC. We must seek to rectify this situation.

The United States should make clear to China that we respect the pursuit of reunification. But reunification through military action is totally unacceptable. The United States is bound by the Taiwan Relations Act of 1980 to seek a peaceful resolution to the Taiwan situation. Part of the solution may come from equal participation in international organizations.

When the United States moved to no longer recognize the ROC in exchange for the PRC in 1979, one of the reasons given was that the 1.2 billion people of China must have a vote. That same argument now applies to the 21 million people in Taiwan. I hope that the United States will not shy away for its responsibility to our long term ally.

## STATEMENT OF MR. MCCOLLUM AND MR. GONZALEZ REGARDING H.R. 2399

HON. BILL MCCOLLUM

OF FLORIDA

HON. HENRY B. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, in response to some questions that have been raised, we want to clarify that it is, and has always been, our intent that all provisions of H.R. 2399, the Truth in Lending Act Amendments of 1995, that amend the Truth in Lending Act—including the increases in tolerance—apply solely to loans secured by real estate.

## COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleagues, our Nation's military leaders, distin-

guished veterans, and the host of family and friends who have assembled with us in the House Chamber this morning. I want to pay special tribute to those veterans who have journeyed from across the country to join us for this special joint meeting of Congress. Joint meetings are special events to mark historic moments in our Nation's history. Today's ceremony marks the closing activities of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of World War II. It is, indeed, proper and fitting that we gather for acknowledgement of this significant period in our Nation's history.

History reveals that World War II was the greatest and most destructive war in history. The war killed more people, destroyed more property, and probably had more far-reaching consequences than any other war in history. The war began on September 1, 1939, with the invasion of Poland by Germany. The United States entered the war in December of 1941, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Speaker, as we gather today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of World War II, we pause to honor the brave Americans who answered the Nation's call to service. We also honor those who lost their lives in the conflict. We know that families lost fathers, sons, daughters, and friends. We gather today to remind these families that their losses were not in vain. The war forever changed our Nation, signaling a renewed commitment to freedom and democracy. It is with the somber reminder of the valor and determination of our fallen comrades who fought for democracy that we gather today.

I want to take this opportunity to pay special tribute to my colleagues in Congress who are veterans of World War II, including those who are highlighted on today's program—Representatives, HENRY HYDE and "SONNY" MONTGOMERY, and Senators DANIEL INOUE, STROM THURMOND, and Senate Majority Leader ROBERT DOLE. As a veteran of World War II, I take pride in being included in the ranks of these brave patriots who united in service to this country a half-century ago.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have some of the members of my family join me for today's commemoration ceremony, including my wife, Jay, my daughter, Lori, and my granddaughter, Nicolette. My young grandson, Brett Hammond, is also here with me. As I look at Brett and Nicolette, it is my feeling that we fought a war many years ago, so that perhaps members of their generation will be able to enjoy peace. As we move forward, let us do so with the strong hope that World War II will, indeed, become known as the last world war. Let this be our commitment to our children, our grandchildren, and our brave comrades who have passed on.

## TRIBUTE TO A YOUNG LEADER: MR. LARRY CHAMPAGNE III

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I am sure that by now most of our colleagues have either read or heard about Mr. Larry Champagne III, the young hero who saved his schoolmates and bus driver when he brought their swerving